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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendment received on 07/24/2009 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 1-15 and 18-21 have been canceled. Claims 16 and 17 have been amended. Claims 16 and 17 are currently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 16 and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orpaz et al. (US 6,937,755) in view of Marapane et al. (WO 01/87245).

Claims 16 and 17.

Orpaz et al. (Orpaz) teaches a computer-implemented system, said system including a processor and a display, and a computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing the processor to implement a method for enabling display of a simulated facial image, wherein the method comprises:

facilitating display, on a display device, of a plurality of templates, wherein at least some of the templates are representative of a beauty product and a color option of said product to be applied to a portion of a face, said templates each having an associated appearance (a simulation of use) information for the product including a three-bit RGB color representation and two 1 byte parameters for layer texture and light reflectivity (i.e., "glossiness") (C. 6, L. 61-63; C. 5, L. 7-15);

enabling selection of at least one of the displayed templates (C. 6, L. 61-63); and

facilitating display, on the display device, of a simulated facial image including at least one displayed facial portion having a simulation of use of a beauty product, wherein the displayed facial portion having a simulation of the simulated facial image corresponds to a facial portion of the at least one selected template, and wherein the simulation of the displayed facial portion corresponds to a simulation of the at least one selected template (C. 6, L. 63 - C. 7, L. 13).

Orpaz does not teach that said associated appearance (a simulation of use) information for the product is displayed simultaneously with said beauty product and a color option of said product.

Marapane et al. (Marapane) teaches a computer-implemented system and method for recommending hair color agents (a beauty product) for consumers, wherein a plurality of templates depicting a simulation of use of a beauty product is presented to the consumer so that the consumer can select a desired template and the final output - a simulated facial image of the consumer is presented on a screen (Figs. 9 and 15; p. 5, lines 14-17; p. 10, lines 5-6; p. 12, lines 13-15).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Orpaz to include displaying a simulation of use of the product information, as disclosed in Marapane, because it would advantageously allow to simplify the interface and facilitate the interaction process for the consumer.

Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Orpaz to include displaying a simulation of use of the product information, as disclosed in Marapane, since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable. *KSR*, 127 S.Ct. at 1740, 82 USPQ2d at 1396.

Claims 16 and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (US 6,937,755) Marapane et al. in view of Marapane et al. and further in view of Mase et al. (US 5,491,777).

Claims 16 and 17.

Marapane teaches:

facilitating display, on a display device, of a plurality of templates, wherein at least some of the templates are representative of a face having a simulation of use of a beauty product (Fig. 9; p. 5, lines 14-17);

enabling selection of at least one of the displayed templates (p. 5, lines 14-17);

facilitating display, on the display device, of a simulated facial image including at least one displayed facial portion having a simulation of use of a beauty product, wherein the displayed facial portion having a simulation of the simulated facial image corresponds to a facial image of the at least one selected template, and wherein the simulation of the displayed facial image corresponds to a simulation of the at least one selected template (Fig. 15; p. 5, lines 14-17; p. 10, lines 5-6; p. 12, lines 13-15).

Marapane does not explicitly teach that said templates are representative of a portion of a face.

Mase et al. (Mase) teaches a computer-implemented system and method for image data processing, wherein a user is presented with a plurality of templates each template is a representative of a facial portion of a face (i.e., hair), and wherein, upon selection of a desired template, a simulated facial image is generated corresponding to the selected template (facial portion) (Figs. 3A, 34A, 37A-37C).

It would have been prima facie obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Marapane to include that said templates are representative of a portion of a face, as disclosed in Mase, because it would advantageously allow to decrease image processing time, as specifically stated in Marapane. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Marapane to include that said templates are representative of a portion of a face, as disclosed in Mase, since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in

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the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable.
KSR, 127 S.Ct. at 1740, 82 USPQ2d at 1396.

Claims 16 and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orpaz et al. in view of Mase et al.

Claims 16 and 17.

Orpaz teaches a computer-implemented system, said system including a processor and a display, and a computer-readable medium containing instructions for causing the processor to implement a method for enabling display of a simulated facial image, wherein the method comprises:

facilitating display, on a display device, of a plurality of templates, wherein at least some of the templates are representative of a beauty product and a color option of said product to be applied to a portion of a face, said templates each having an associated appearance (a simulation of use) information for the product including a three-bit RGB color representation and two 1 byte parameters for layer texture and light reflectivity (i.e., "glossiness") (C. 6, L. 61-63; C. 5, L. 7-15);

enabling selection of at least one of the displayed templates (C. 6, L. 61-63); and

facilitating display, on the display device, of a simulated facial image including at least one displayed facial portion having a simulation of use of a beauty product, wherein the displayed facial portion having a simulation of the simulated facial image corresponds to a facial portion of the at least one selected template, and wherein the simulation of the displayed facial portion corresponds to a simulation of the at least one selected template (C. 6, L. 63 - C. 7, L. 13).

Orpaz does not teach that said displaying said templates includes displaying said associated appearance (a simulation of use) information for the product.

Marapane teaches a computer-implemented system and method for recommending hair color agents (a beauty product) for consumers, wherein a plurality of templates depicting a simulation of use of a beauty product is presented to the consumer so that the consumer can select a desired template and the final output - a

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simulated facial image of the consumer is presented on a screen (Figs. 9 and 15; p. 5, lines 14-17; p. 10, lines 5-6; p. 12, lines 13-15).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Orpaz to include displaying a simulation of use of the product information, as disclosed in Marapane, because it would advantageously allow to simplify the interface and facilitate the interaction process for the consumer.

Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Orpaz to include displaying a simulation of use of the product information, as disclosed in Marapane, since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable. *KSR*, 127 S.Ct. at 1740, 82 USPQ2d at 1396.

While Marapane teaches displaying a simulated use of a product, the combination of Orpaz and Marapane does not explicitly teach that said displayed templates are representative of a portion of a face

Mase teaches a computer-implemented system and method for image data processing, wherein a user is presented with a plurality of templates each template is a representative of a facial portion of a face, and, wherein, upon selection of a desired template, a simulated facial image is generated corresponding to the selected template (facial portion) (Figs. 3A, 34A, 37A-37C).

It would have been prima facie obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Orpaz and Marapane to include that said templates are representative of a portion of a face, as disclosed in Mase, because it would advantageously allow to decrease image processing time, as specifically stated in Marapane. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Orpaz and Marapane to include that said templates are representative of a portion of a face, as disclosed in Mase, since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one

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of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable. *KSR*, 127 S.Ct. at 1740, 82 USPQ2d at 1396.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (see form PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Igor Borissov whose telephone number is 571-272-6801. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Igor N. Borissov/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3628

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